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modernized Chaucer, however it may appeal to scholars, is sure to meet with welcome from the general reader, provided the work is well done. In this, the first complete edition in modern English, the highest praise must be given to the translators, who, clearly realizing the futility of attempting a verse rendering that would be accurate and would at the same time faithfully reproduce the spirit of the original, have used prose throughout. Their work is smooth, easy, and notably free from awkward inversions, obscurity, and archaic words or phrases. Very tactfully, too, they have performed their task of toning down the excessive coarseness of certain of the tales without completely spoiling their splendid vigor and boisterous, healthy humor.

THE SOLDIER-BISHOP, ELLISON CAPERS. By the Rev. Walter B. Capers.
New York: The Neale Publishing Company. 1912. \$3.00 net.

Born of a family of fighters and preachers, Bishop Capers was a noble example of those militant churchmen of whom the Confederacy brought forth not a few. Like his grandfather, who fought in defence of Charleston during the Revolution and took a prominent part in helping to achieve his country's independence, he was a bold and chivalrous soldier, yet by nature a man of peace. A brigadier-general in the Confederate army, Secretary of State in South Carolina just after the war, Bishop of his native State, Chancellor of the University of the South, he consecrated his life to the active service of State and church and country, and became known as "the best loved man in South Carolina." The story of his life, as related by his son chiefly from his father's journal and private letters, will be read with interest and enjoyment not only by those who knew and loved the Bishop, but by all who admire such types of vigorous American manhood.